and North-Eastern Region. The State of Andhra Pradesh has been allocated the maximum quantum of 328 to 418 MW out of the unallocated quota of CGSs of Southern Region. As an additional allocation of 100MW and 43 top 133 MW was provided to Andhra Pradesh in January and April, 2007, it was not feasible to further enhance the allocation for Andhra Pradesh keeping in view its relative power supply position and its under drawal from the grid during April-August, 2007 to the tune of 17 million units.

Timely completion of Power Projects

685. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, faced with a daunting prospect of adding 78,577 MW power generating capacity during the current Plan period, Government has fixed stringent time-lines for placement of orders and project execution;

(b) if so, whether projects totaling a capacity of around 52,365 MW are currently under execution, most are slippages from the last Plan period; and

(c) whether newly formed national Power Project Management Board, set up to assist State and Central utilities to ensure timely completion of projects, has been asked to ensure that the balance capacity of 22,632 MW by Central and State power utilities is done by December this year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The majority of the projects included in the capacity addition of 78,577 MW proposed during 11th Five Year Plan are such which have been originally envisaged to give benefit during the 11th Plan itself. Out of the envisaged capacity addition of 78,577 MW proposed during 11th Plan, projects totalling 4,590 MW have been commissioned as on 20.11.2007 and projects totalling 50,855 MW are under construction. In addition, 4434 MW capacity from additional projects is also currently under construction. To ensure that the envisaged capacity comes up during the 11th Plan period, State Government and the Central Utilities have been advised to expeditiously complete the process of placement of awards.

(c) The primarly function of the Power Project Monitoring Panel is envisaged to monitor the progress of the XI Plan thermal and hydro power projects and their Associated Transmission System. It will also facilitate the identification of bottlenecks and suggest remedial measures for timely project commissioning.

Use of CFLs

†686. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 per cent less electricity is consumed by using Compact Flourscent Lamps (CFLs);

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to encourage the use of CFLs;

(c) the facilities provided to the CFL industry to meet the increasing demand of this lamp; and

(d) by when these lamps are likely to be used in the entire country in view of the demand and supply of these lamps in the future?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.